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SUBJECT: FISHERIES AND MARITIME BOUNDARIES NEGOTIATIONS WITH
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1. I DISCUSSED FISHERIES AND MARITIME BOUNDARIES QUESTION WITH
PR UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ON EVENING OF ARRIVAL IN SAN JUAN
(JUNE 11). MET WITH PR SECRETARY OF STATE REINALDO PANIAGUA
FOLLOWING MORNING. HE LATER ACCOMPANIED ME ON CALL ON GOVERNOR
CARLOS ROMERO BARCELO, AT WHICH I BRIEFLY LAID OUT FOR THE
GOVERNOR THE BACKGROUND OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE ISSUE
DESCRIBED PARA 2 REFTTEL. THE LATTER MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT,
BUT SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE INTERAGENCY ADVICE. AS RESULT,
MEETING WAS HELD THAT AFTERNOON AT WHICH DEVELOPMENTS WERE
REVIEWED. PRESENT AT THE MEETING, IN ADDITION TO MYSELF, WERE
(ALL PR GOVERNMENT):

HERIBERTO MARTINEZ - SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

FRANCES MORAN - UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
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ANGEL APONTE - ASST SECY OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

AMADOR D'ALZINA - DIRECTOR, ADVISORY OFFICE ON COUNTRIES AND INTL
ORGANIZATIONS, PR DEPT OF STATE

EDNA POLAU - SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO GOV ROMERO

ASSISTANT TO MISS POLAU

SANTIAGO CRESPO-OCCASIO - ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

MIGUEL ROLON - DEPT OF AGRICULTURE

2. IT SEEMED QUITE CLEAR FROM THIS MEETING THAT, AT THE PR DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL AT LEAST, THERE IS NO MOVE TO MODIFY THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED WITH AMBASSADOR HURWITCH IN FEBRUARY (SANTO DOMINGO 832). THE HYDROCARBON ISSUE RAISED BY CRESPO AND VEGA (STATE 109922) WAS OBVIOUSLY UNDERSTOOD BY THE OTHERS AT THE WORKING LEVEL AND CRESPO RAISED NO FURTHER QUESTION. ROLON, LIKE CRESPO A MEMBER OF THE NEGOTIATING DELEGATION LAST NOVEMBER, DESCRIBED THE ISSUE TO THE MEETING AS BEING ONE OF SUBSTANTIAL IMMEDIATE GAINS ON THE FISHERIES SIDE TO BE CONSIDERED AGAINST EPHEMERAL FUTURE ADVANTAGES OF RETAINING RIGHTS TO A SECTION OF THE CABO ENGANO BANK.

3. A FINAL INTERNAL REVIEW OF THE PR POSITION IS NOW EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE EARLY NEXT WEEK. THIS WOULD INVOLVE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME PR PARTICIPANTS AS AT THE JUNE 12 MEETING. DELAY IS PRESENTED AS GIVING TIME TO BRIEF MARTINEZ FURTHER (HE HAD OBVIOUSLY NOT FOCUSED ON THE ISSUE PRIOR TO THE JUNE 12 MEETING) AND TO PREPARE A FIRM STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE FOR THE GOVERNOR. THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE PROMISED TO ADVISE THE EMBASSY BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TELEPHONE AS SOON AS THE GOVERNOR HAS GIVEN HIS GO-AHEAD.

4. THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICIALS, LIKE THE EMBASSY, WERE SOMEWHAT NONPLUSSED BY THE DOMINICAN DESIRE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH NEGOTIATIONS DURING A LAME DUCK PERIOD IN THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT. THE EMBASSY IS EXPLORING THIS FURTHER WITH THE DOMINICAN SIDE AND WILL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT.
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